

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1365

Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 65041.1 of the Government Code, relating to state planning.

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AB 1365, as introduced, Ruskin. Greenhouse gas emission levels.

Existing law requires the Governor to prepare, maintain, and regularly review a comprehensive State Environmental Goals and Policy Report, which is to contain, among other information, a statement of approved state environmental goals that are required to be consistent with state planning priorities. Existing law specifies that the state planning priorities are, among others, to promote infill development, protect environmental and agricultural resources, and to encourage efficient development patterns.

This bill would include as an additional state planning priority to provide for the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of at least 7% by 2010 and 10% by 2020 based on the 1990 greenhouse gas emission levels.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 65041.1 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 65041.1. The state planning priorities, which are intended to
- 4 promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the

1 environment, and promote public health and safety in the state,
2 including in urban, suburban, and rural communities, shall be as
3 follows:

4 (a) To promote infill development and equity by rehabilitating,
5 maintaining, and improving existing infrastructure that supports
6 infill development and appropriate reuse and redevelopment of
7 previously developed, underutilized land that is presently served
8 by transit, streets, water, sewer, and other essential services,
9 particularly in underserved areas, and to preserving cultural and
10 historic resources.

11 (b) To protect environmental and agricultural resources by
12 protecting, preserving, and enhancing the state's most valuable
13 natural resources, including working landscapes such as farm,
14 range, and forest lands, natural lands such as wetlands,
15 watersheds, wildlife habitats, and other wildlands, recreation
16 lands such as parks, trails, greenbelts, and other open space, and
17 landscapes with locally unique features and areas identified by
18 the state as deserving special protection.

19 (c) To encourage efficient development patterns by ensuring
20 that any infrastructure associated with development, other than
21 infill development, supports new development that does all of the
22 following:

23 (1) Uses land efficiently.

24 (2) Is built adjacent to existing developed areas to the extent
25 consistent with the priorities specified pursuant to subdivision
26 (b).

27 (3) Is located in an area appropriately planned for growth.

28 (4) Is served by adequate transportation and other essential
29 utilities and services.

30 (5) Minimizes ongoing costs to taxpayers.

31 *(d) To provide for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of*
32 *at least 7 percent by 2010 and 10 percent by 2020 based on the*
33 *1990 greenhouse gas emission levels.*